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In the Specification:

On page 1, please amend the first paragraph as follows:

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

~~This application is related to U.S. Patent Application No. __/_____, filed August ___, 2003 (Docket No. 2540-0590).~~

This application is related to U.S. Patent Application No.10/632,097, filed August 1, 2003 (Docket No. 2540-0590).

On page 45, please amend the specification as follows:

messages include Login Reply message, Logout Reply message, SNMP Get Reply message, SNMP Get Next Reply message, SNMP Set Reply message, Open File For Write Reply message, Write File Reply message, Close File After Write Reply message, Open File For Read Reply message, Read File Reply message, and Close File After Read Reply message. The processing and memory circuit 202 forwards the SMP reply messages to the network interface circuit 200 where the messages are reformatted and transmitted through network 12 to workstation 10. The reply messages can be sent to the workstation 10 which sent the request message to the managed appliance 11. Alternatively, the reply messages can be sent to another workstation 10 or other network device if desired.

Modifications and substitutions to the present invention made by one of ordinary skill in the art are considered to be within the scope of the present invention, which is not to be limited except by the claims which follow.

~~What is claimed is:~~

~~1. A system comprising:~~

~~a workstation communicatively coupled to a network; and~~

~~a managed appliance communicatively coupled to the network;~~

~~wherein the workstation operatively initiates a management session with the managed appliance by establishing a secure sockets layer connection with the appliance and then issuing a login request to the managed appliance, and~~

~~wherein the transmission of SNMP commands occurs over the secure sockets layer connection by using a secure sockets layer communication method.~~